

Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
March 13, 2017 Public Session Meeting Minutes
Location: 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D

Present:

Board members:

Paul Andrews, Board Chair
Alexei Levine, Vice Chair
Ann Marie Kennedy, Board Member
Sheri Sarmento, Board Member

DPL Staff:

Ana Garcia, Executive Director
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Joann Termine, Board Administrator
Shawn Croke, Investigator
Martha Sesnovich, Asst. Chief Investigator

Board members not present:

Jennie Pelletier, Board Member
Matthew Olds, Board Secretary

Item 1) 10:00 a.m. Meeting called to order:

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure** –Executive Director detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency.

Item 2) 10:01 a.m. Board Meeting Minutes:

- **January 9th Public Minutes**-- Mr. Levine moved to approve as amended the January 9th, 2017 Public minutes. Mrs. Kennedy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **January 9th Executive Minutes**- Ms. Sarmento moved to approve as presented the January 9th, 2017 Executive minutes, Mrs. Kennedy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3) 10:04 a.m. Board Counsel Report

- **Next wave of Regulatory changes**- Board Counsel updated board members on possible time frame as the regulatory pause is still in place.
- **Review of MT School Curriculum**- update to board members regarding review of Massage Therapy school curricula for new programs seeking licensure with the Office of Private Occupational Schools and at renewal for currently licensed schools, in light of the recent regulation changes re: educational requirements for individual licensure. Schools will need to submit detailed program information on courses being offered in the Massage Therapy program for board review.

Item 4) 10:15 a.m. Executive Director Report

- Executive Director gave the board an update regarding printing of establishment renewals. New renewals were re-print for those establishments that were up for renewal between the months of December to March. In February coupons were reprinted with waived late fees as a courtesy to the licensees.

- The Individual Application form was revised to reflect the new regulation changes in 269 CMR 2.01 (2) (e). This includes the Transcript Analysis Form, Curriculum Guidelines and Requirements for Licensure forms.
- FAQs have been posted on the board's website to assist with communication efforts regarding the regulatory changes. AMTA MA Chapter also published FAQs on their website for AMTA members across the Commonwealth.

Item 5) 10:25 a.m. Correspondence:

- **Telephone inquiry to Executive Director, Ana Garcia—question regarding MT scope of practice re: Vaginal Massage-** *after review and discussion, the board determined that Intra-vaginal massage continues to fall outside the scope of practice of Massage Therapy for reasons previously stated.*
- **Email inquiry from Lisa C. Hoffmann to the Board on February 7, 2017-question regarding MT scope of practice: Cranial Sacral Therapy-** *after review and discussion, the board determined that Cranial Sacral is within the scope of practice of Massage Therapy.*
- **Email inquiry from Sarah Shaw to the Board on February 16, 2017-question regarding MT scope of practice using Aromatherapy (Raindrop Technique) -** *after review and discussion, the board determined to table the inquiry to allow the inquirer to provide a more detailed description of Raindrop Technique.*

Item 6) 10:35 a.m. Application Review

- App-1774 [SD]-Board took no action as the applicant submitted a request to withdraw application# 1774.

Executive Session. Ms. Kennedy moved to enter into *Executive Session pursuant to G.L.30A §21(3)* to discuss DPL Litigation Strategy and pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 21(1) to discuss character rather than the professional competence of an applicant. Ms. Sarmiento seconded. After taking a roll call vote (all"yes"), motion passed unanimously.

Closed Sessions Ms. Sarmiento moved to exit executive session and enter closed session for the purposes of conducting investigative conferences, adjudicatory conferences, and settlement conferences pursuant to G. L. c. 112, §65C; G. L. c. 30A, § 18, ¶5(d). Mrs. Kennedy seconded. Following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed.

At the end of the Closed Sessions, Mr. Levine moved to exit Closed Session and enter Open Session. Ms. Sarmiento seconded. All in favor.

During the Investigative Conferences the Board took the following actions:

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| • MT-16-084 [FC]-Fwd back to investigator for further information | • MT-16-674 [CD]- Dismiss w/o prejudice |
| • MT-16-015 [NZ]-Dismiss w/o prejudice | • MT-16-017 [LP]- Dismiss w/o prejudice |
| | • MT-17-012 [KS]-Dismiss w/o prejudice |

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Item 12) 11:44 a.m. New Business / Open Session:

- Board member Levine expresses concerns of a Berkshire Community College offering on-line/long distance courses. ED will be reaching out to the school to notify that online courses would not be considered by the board.

Item 13) 11:46 p.m. Adjournment:

Mrs. Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Levine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ana Garcia", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Ana Garcia
Executive Director